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During the past year and a half (since 'Abd al-Nasir proclaimed the nationalization of the Suez Canal Company) Ambassador Hamad has worked actively to explain and to gain support for Egypt's position. His reported conversations with U.S. officials reveal that Hamad has strong feelings about the Arab position vis à vis the Israeli. In May 1957 the Danish Minister to Paraguay is quoted as saying Hamad was about to be replaced "because his heavily pro-Soviet point of view limits his usefulness in the West." On the basis of evidence available, it is probably more accurate to describe Hamad as pro-Egyptian and as supporting his government's policy of "positive neutralism."

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